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Enclosed is a search report from the Japanese Patent Office from the PCT application from which this National Phase U.S. Application is derived, citing the documents, setting forth the relevance thereof. As for JP-B2-2689840 and JP-A-09-136271, the relevance can be understood from the discussion in the specification at page 1, line 10, to page 2, line 24. JP-B2-59-45482, the relevance can be understood from the attached English abstract. Copies of the non-US patent documents are enclosed.

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